

24th February 2022

St. Mary's Primary and Pre- school Newsletter

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school after the half term holiday. We hope that you all had a peaceful break. Next week will be the beginning of Lent and we will be talking to the children about what this means for us as Christians. We will be talking to the children about what they might want to give up/take up for Lent. It could be using their iPads less, using their phones less or perhaps doing something for other people. If you can help out at home by talking to your children about this, that would be lovely.

This week we welcome Zack into Year 3 and Miss Haresnape as a TA in Mrs. Cowburn's class. We know that they will both be made welcome by all the staff and children in school.



Can we politely remind parents that school begins at 8.55am and that the children need to be here on time. Children turning up late for lessons disrupts everyone in the classroom and school.

PE kits also need to be in school at all times. We are happy for them to have long jogging bottoms and hoodies for the winter months as long as they have their blue shorts and white t-shirts as well for indoor PE lessons. Please can you check that their kits fit them still including their trainers or pumps.

Swimming this half term is still for years 4,5,6.

ASSEMBLIES - 2.45PM

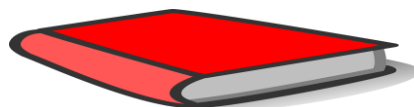
Moving forward, we would like to invite all our parents to our Friday afternoon celebration assemblies at 2.45pm as we used to do before the pandemic. It is an opportunity to celebrate all the good work that our children have achieved in and out of school. If they have a certificate at home they would like to share, please do send it in on Friday morning.

If your child was awarded the year group trophy for last term, please could they return it school before this Friday so that it can be handed to the next deserving person in that class.



READING AT HOME

Thankyou for all the hard work that is being put into reading at home with your children. We have seen a huge improvement across school with the children's comprehension, fluency and decoding skills. Reading regularly also helps them with their spelling and writing because seeing and reading the written text strengthens their working memory helping them with sentence construction and cohesion. If you need more books or any help and advice, please do ask.



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What's Happening?

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thankyou for all the bingo prizes that have already been brought into school. We are extremely grateful for all your support. We will have one more non-uniform this Friday 25th Feb if you are able to support us again with chocolates or bottles. Many thanks in advance.

QUEENESQUE SATURDAY 26TH FEB

There are still some available tickets for our Queenesque night at Chipping Village Hall for this Saturday 26th February. If you would to purchase some, please contact the Friends of St Mary's on their Facebook page or email WEAREFOSM@MAIL.COM. This is a ticket only event, and they will not be sold on the night.

SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS

On Tuesday, 1st of March, we welcome James Ball, Para Olympian, into school to talk to our children about being an Olympian and also to do a sponsored fitness circuit. The sponsor money that the children raise helps to support these athletes as they progress in their sporting careers. The children have already brought home a sponsor form and any money raised is gratefully received. Please can you send in before next Tuesday.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be holding our annual 'World Book Day' on Friday, 4th March where the children may come to school dressed as one of their favourite characters from their favourite story / book. There will be fun activities during the day including story telling, drama and creative work.

BINGO AT THE VILLAGE

St. Mary's will be holding their annual bingo at Chipping Village Hall on Saturday, 5th March at 7pm. This is a community attended event and everyone is invited. However, it is taken very seriously by our more senior members of the community so although our children are very warmly invited, they are expected to join in with the bingo and woe betide anyone if they talk or move at the wrong time! You have been warned!!!

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

The next meeting is the 21st April and then the 14th June at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed later. If anyone has any questions or items for agenda please email the FOSM at WEAREFOSM@MAIL.COM

Please do come along to these meetings if you can to support our PTFA and our school.

